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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1. (Original) An information handling system comprising:
a motherboard;
components coupled to the motherboard and operable to process information;
a trusted bus operable to securely communicate information between the
components;
an integrated keyboard operable to accept user inputs;
an integrated pointing device operable to accept user inputs;
a microcontroller interfaced with the keyboard and pointing device, the
microcontroller operable to convert keyboard and pointing device user inputs into
HID packets and to embed the HID packets as messages on the trusted bus;
a state machine associated with the motherboard and interfaced with the trusted bus, the
state machine operable to extract the HID packets from the trusted bus; and
HID trusted registers interfaced with the state machine and operable to provide the HID
packets to one or more of the components.
2. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1 wherein the trusted bus
comprises a SMBus.
3. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 2 wherein the trusted bus
comprises a dual SMBus for bi-directional communication between the state machine and the
microcontroller.
4. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1 wherein the trusted bus
comprises a SPI bus.

5. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1 further comprising:
an external controller interfaced with the motherboard, the external controller operable to
accept user inputs from a external keyboard and to convert the external keyboard
inputs into HID packets; and
HID non-trusted registers interfaced with the external controller and operable to provide
the external keyboard input HID packets to one or more of the components.
6. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 5 wherein the components
comprise a chip set for communicating with external devices and the state machine comprises
firmware associated with the chipset.
7. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1 wherein the integrated
pointing device comprises a touchpad.
8. (Original) A method for communicating user inputs to an information handling
system, the method comprising:
detecting user inputs at an integrated pointing device and an integrated keyboard;
communicating the inputs to a common microcontroller;
converting the inputs with the microcontroller into HID packets;
embedding the HID packets as messages on an internal motherboard bus; and
extracting the HID packets at the motherboard for processing.
9. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein embedding the HID packets further
comprises embedding the HID packets as SMBus messages on an SMBus coupled to the
motherboard.
10. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein the SMBus comprises a dual SMBus
for bidirectional communication between the microcontroller and motherboard.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein extracting the HID packets further comprises:
receiving the SMBus messages at a state machine associated with the motherboard; and
transferring SMBus messages having HID packets to HID registers accessible to one or more information processing components.
12. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein the information handling system comprises a portable information handling system.
13. (Original) The method of Claim 12 further comprising:
detecting user inputs at an external input device;
communicating the external input device inputs to a second microcontroller;
converting the inputs with the microcontroller into HID packets for communication to the motherboard;
processing HID packets from the integrated pointing device and integrated keyboard as trusted packets; and
processing HID packets for the external input device as non-trusted packets.
14. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the internal motherboard bus comprises a I2C bus.
15. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein the internal motherboard bus comprises a SPI bus.
16. (Currently Amended) A system for communicating trusted user inputs from a user input device to information processing components of an information handling system, the system comprising:
a first microcontroller operable to accept user inputs from an integrated keyboard and an integrated pointing device, to convert the user inputs into a format readable by processing components, and to embed the formatted user inputs into SMBus messages;

an SMBus interfaced with the microcontroller and operable to transfer the formatted user inputs to a motherboard of the information handling system; ~~and~~
a processing component interfaced with the SMBus and operable to extract the formatted user inputs from the SMBus messages; and
a second microcontroller operable to accept user inputs at an external keyboard and to provide the external keyboard inputs to the motherboard through a non-trusted communication channel.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 16 wherein the formatted user inputs comprise HID packets.
18. (Original) The system of Claim 17 wherein the processing component interfaced with the SMBus comprises a state machine and one or more HID registers.
19. (Original) The system of Claim 18 wherein the SMBus comprises a dual SMBus operable to communicate bi-directionally between the microcontroller and the state machine.
20. Canceled.